

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BRANDON K. BUCHANAN,

Plaintiff,

-v-

CHRISTOPHER M. DANNEN,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 1:21-CV-_____

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Brandon Buchanan, by and through his attorneys, Dressel/Malikschnitt LLP, as and for his Complaint against Defendant Christopher M. Dannen alleges the following upon information and belief:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Plaintiff Brandon K. Buchanan and Defendant Christopher M. Dannen are co-founders of a closely held investment management company, Iterative Capital Management, L.P., and its related entities (together with its affiliates, the “Iterative Entities”). Defendant has unilaterally, and without justification, excluded Plaintiff from the business, precluding Plaintiff’s ability to access to his work email, company records, and other important business accounts, all in furtherance of Defendant’s scheme to direct company assets for his own personal gain. Plaintiff is seeking both damages to compensate for the harms suffered by him to date and injunctive relief to prevent Defendant from further causing irreparable harm to the Iterative Entities and potentially exposing Plaintiff to legal liability.

THE PARTIES

2. Plaintiff Brandon Buchanan is an individual and a citizen of Miami, Florida.

3. Defendant Christopher Dannen is an individual and a citizen of New York, New York.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. Jurisdiction is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) as this matter is between citizens of different states and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

5. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b)(1) as a judicial district in which all defendants reside.

FACTS

6. This is an action arising out of a set of related businesses established by Plaintiff and Defendant for, *inter alia*, offering investment opportunities in cryptocurrency, including the mining and trading of such cryptocurrency.

7. As set forth below in more detail, the agreements governing the Iterative Entities establish that Plaintiff and Defendant have co-equal interests in each of the business entities.

8. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Defendant has, without justification, unilaterally and completely excluded Plaintiff from the management and operation of those businesses, to the detriment of those businesses.

9. During the time of this exclusion, Plaintiff has developed reason to believe that Defendant has misappropriated assets belonging to the Iterative Entities, specifically cryptocurrency mined from company hardware during the intervening period.

10. Plaintiff has made repeated overtures in order to reestablish his authority within the Iterative entities but has been consistently rebuffed. Having attempted to resolve the matter amicably, Plaintiff has been forced to bring suit in order to prevent further harm to the business and his own personal interests.

The Iterative Entities

11. Iterative Capital Management, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership with a principal place of business in New York, New York.

12. Iterative Capital Management, L.P. has a singular general partner—Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC.

13. Management and control of Iterative Capital Management, L.P. resides solely with its general partner.

14. The general partner of Iterative Capital Management, L.P.—Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC—itself has two members: Plaintiff and Defendant.

15. The Operating Agreement of Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC, attached hereto as Exhibit A, allocates all rights and powers of the company to the Members in the plural sense and provides no authority to direct the company unilaterally.

16. Iterative Capital Management, L.P. is the managing member of several subsidiaries, including, but not limited to, Iterative OTC, L.L.C., Iterative PoW Holdings, LLC, and Neutron Mining, L.L.C.

17. Taken together, these aforementioned associated businesses are referred to as the “Iterative Entities.”

Plaintiff is Frozen Out of the Iterative Enterprises

18. In the Summer of 2020, Plaintiff and Defendant had a falling out following an incident at Defendant's rented vacation home in which Defendant vehemently expressed his opposition to the events leading up to and surrounding the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests to Plaintiff, who identifies as African-American. Defendant expressed his views with such vitriol that Plaintiff feared for his physical safety and left the Vermont home to stay elsewhere. Plaintiff and Defendant have not met in person since.

19. On December 7, 2020, Plaintiff was informed by an employee of Iterative Capital Management, L.P. that Defendant was forming plans to launch his own business with capital and intellectual property actually developed by and generated by the Iterative Entities, thereby cutting out Plaintiff and current investors.

20. Alarmed, on December 8, 2020, Plaintiff confronted Defendant about the preceding allegation and other issues surrounding the business.

21. Although cryptocurrency mining had been previously ongoing, on December 9, 2020, cryptocurrency ceased accumulating in the accounts associated with one of Iterative Capital Management L.P.'s associated entities.

22. Although cryptocurrency mining had been previously ongoing, on December 12, 2020, cryptocurrency ceased accumulating in the accounts associated with another of Iterative Capital Management L.P.'s associated entities.

23. Plaintiff did not himself direct that any computers stop mining cryptocurrency.

24. On December 13, 2020, Defendant disabled Plaintiff's access to essentially all of his work accounts, including, but not limited to, his work email, electronic books and records,

cryptocurrency accounts, and exchange accounts. Plaintiff has repeatedly requested that his access to these materials be restored and has been denied at every turn.

25. Significantly, Plaintiff's work emails appear to have been permanently deleted. These deletions have taken place even though some Iterative Entities were at the time both presently engaged in litigation and on notice of potential future litigation.

Defendant Continues to Operate the Mining Hardware to His Gain

26. After cryptocurrency ceased accumulating in the accounts of the Iterative Enterprises, Plaintiff repeatedly inquired as to the lack of mining rewards, especially given that the value of the cryptocurrency being mined appeared to be appreciating significantly against the U.S. Dollar.

27. Notwithstanding Plaintiff's exclusion from his company accounts, he was nonetheless able to independently discover the following financial activity tending to show that the cryptocurrency machines were indeed operating and thus likely generating cryptocurrency rewards on behalf of various Iterative Enterprises:

- a. On December 16, 2020, Defendant made a payment of \$50,977.20 to a third-party hosting facility for the electricity used to run and operate the cryptocurrency mining computers.
- b. On December 29, 2020, Defendant made a payment of \$68,627.92 to a third-party hosting facility for the electricity used to run and operate the cryptocurrency mining computers.

28. Meanwhile, on January 7, 2021, Defendant proclaimed that the Iterative Enterprises were no longer operating any cryptocurrency mining computers.

29. However, that same day, Plaintiff learned from a third-party hosting facility that, contrary to Defendant's representations, the mining computers were still in fact running and operational.

30. In total, the Iterative Enterprises own thousands of cryptocurrency mining computers. When operational, these computers typically generate hundreds of cryptocurrencies in a given day. There has never been a day, to Plaintiff's knowledge, when an operational machine has generated zero cryptocurrency.

31. In response to Plaintiff's ongoing queries, Defendant nonetheless steadfastly maintained that the machines had been shut off and had indeed stopped mining and were not therefore accumulating cryptocurrency rewards.

32. And yet, additional hosting payments to run the mining computers continued to be disbursed by Defendant on behalf of computers owned by various Iterative Entities:

- a. On January 20, 2021, Defendant sent a wire transfer to a third-party hosting facility for electricity used to run and operate the cryptocurrency mining computers.
- b. On January 25, 2021, Defendant made a payment of \$74,410.70 to a third-party hosting facility for electricity used to run and operate the cryptocurrency mining computers.
- c. On February 1, 2021, Defendant made a payment of \$9,298 to a third-party hosting facility for electricity used to run and operate the cryptocurrency mining computers.

- d. On February 4, 2021, Defendant made a payment of \$14,023 to a third-party hosting facility for electricity used to run and operate the cryptocurrency mining computers.

33. Reviewing the publicly accessible mining pool links to Iterative Entities miner addresses and sub-accounts, it is further evident that the mining computers have continued to run and operate unimpaired, and that Defendant has continued to service the invoices for their operational expenses.

34. Upon information and belief, these machines were indeed mining, and millions of dollars of mining rewards for the period in question are therefore unaccounted for. Because the mining hardware was solely within Defendant's control during the period in question, and because no mining rewards have been attributed to the Iterative Entities for that period, the mining proceeds are believed to have been misappropriated by Defendant for his own personal gain.

COUNT I: BREACH OF CONTRACT
(Operating Agreement of Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC)

35. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

36. Plaintiff and Defendant are both parties to the Operating Agreement of Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC and are both members of that LLC. That agreement is attached as Exhibit A to this Complaint.

37. Section 7(a) states that “[t]he Members shall have the sole right to manage the business of the Company and shall have all power and rights necessary, appropriate or advisable to effectuate and carry out the purposes and business of the Company.”

38. Section 7(d) of the Operating Agreement further states that “[t]he Members shall serve until they resign, die, become incapacitated or are removed. The affirmative vote or consent of all Members entitled to vote or consent shall be required to take or approve any proposed action, make any determination or provide any consent.”

39. The Operating Agreement of Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC is a valid and enforceable agreement.

40. Plaintiff performed his duties under the Operating Agreement of Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC.

41. Defendant has breached this provision and interfered with the rights delegated to Plaintiff under Sections 7(a) & (d) by:

- denying Plaintiff access to his email account associated with the Iterative Entities;
- denying Plaintiff access to the Google drive associated with the Iterative Entities;
- denying Plaintiff access to the various financial accounts of the Iterative Entities, including bank accounts, cryptocurrency wallet accounts, cryptocurrency exchange accounts and other financial accounts;
- denying Plaintiff access to the various trade records of the Iterative Entities;
- denying Plaintiff virtual access to the various mining computers;
- excluding Plaintiff from business communications with third-parties;
- excluding Plaintiff from visibility into outbound payments to third parties;
- making communications and representations on behalf of the Iterative Entities without Plaintiff’s consent;
- failing to disclose to Plaintiff cryptocurrency mined on computers owned by the Iterative Entities;

- failing to disclose to Plaintiff cryptocurrency trading activity related to cryptocurrency owned by the Iterative Entities;
- failing to disclose to Plaintiff the status of loans held by the Iterative Entities;
- recruiting personnel employed by the Iterative Entities to work on businesses unrelated to the Iterative Entities, for Defendant's personal gain; and
- using resources of the Iterative Entities to mine cryptocurrency for Defendant's personal gain.

42. Plaintiff has been harmed by these breaches both through his inability to engage in oversight or management of the Iterative Entities and by financial losses suffered by the Iterative Entities.

COUNT II: BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

43. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

44. As co-equal business partners in each of the Iterative Enterprises, namely Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC, a fiduciary relationship existed between Plaintiff and Defendant as to their business dealings with respect to each of other.

45. A component of this fiduciary duty was a prohibition incumbent on Defendant to not misappropriate assets of the Iterative Entities in a manner that harms Plaintiff.

46. In misappropriating valuable assets of the Iterative Enterprises, namely mining machines and cryptocurrency mined in secret, Defendant violated his fiduciary duty through effectively stealing from the business and his business partner.

47. Plaintiff is entitled to a portion of the cryptocurrency generated by the computers owned by the Iterative Enterprises as both an investor in various funds of the Iterative Enterprises, and as a manager of such funds.

48. Excluding Plaintiff from the Iterative Enterprises without justification was a further, independent breach of Defendant's fiduciary duty.

49. Plaintiff has suffered harm from being unjustifiably excluded from the Iterative Enterprises in the form of, among other things, financial losses, lost business opportunities, exposure to litigation, and reputational harm.

50. Plaintiff's exclusion from the business has further caused irreparable harm to the Iterative Enterprises in the form of lost business opportunities and mismanagement, which has itself caused additional financial and reputational harm to Plaintiff.

COUNT III: CONVERSION

51. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the preceding paragraphs in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

52. Defendant commandeered property belonging to the Iterative Enterprises for his own gain.

53. Specifically, Defendant operated mining computers owned by the Iterative Entities secretly and covertly, causing them to generate valuable cryptocurrency which he has hidden and withheld from the Iterative Enterprises.

54. Upon information and belief, Defendant has himself personally taken possession of this valuable cryptocurrency to the exclusion of the Iterative Enterprises, the rightful owner of such cryptocurrency.

55. Defendant intended to abscond with the cryptocurrency, indeed actively hiding that he had directed the computers to continue to mine while falsely representing to interested parties that they had been idled.

56. Plaintiff has been harmed as is entitled to a portion of the cryptocurrency generated by the computers owned by the Iterative Enterprises as both an investor in various funds of the Iterative Enterprises, and as a manager of such funds.

57. In absconding with this cryptocurrency, Plaintiff has suffered a monetary loss in his stake of this valuable cryptocurrency.

COUNT IV: FRAUD

58. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the preceding paragraphs in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

59. Defendant commandeered property belonging to the Iterative Enterprises for his own gain.

60. Specifically, Defendant operated mining computers owned by the Iterative Entities secretly and covertly, causing them to generate valuable cryptocurrency which he has hidden and withheld from the Iterative Enterprises.

61. Defendant represented to Plaintiff, and others, including counsel for the Iterative Enterprises, that the mining computers had been idled.

62. These statements were demonstrably false.

63. Having been excluded from the Iterative Enterprises, Plaintiff was forced to rely on these false statements that the machines had been idled to his detriment. Had Plaintiff been aware that the machines had not ceased mining, he would have pursued further inquiries regarding the results of that mining.

64. Defendant intended that Plaintiff would rely on these statements as he intended to abscond with the cryptocurrency.

65. The computers indeed continued to generate cryptocurrency in secret notwithstanding the presence of these false denials that they were running as such.

66. Upon information and belief, Defendant has himself personally taken possession of this valuable cryptocurrency to the exclusion of the Iterative Enterprises, the rightful owner of such cryptocurrency, and to the detriment of investors, including Plaintiff.

67. Plaintiff is entitled to a portion of the cryptocurrency generated by the computers owned by the Iterative Enterprises as both an investor in various funds of the Iterative Enterprises, and as a manager of such funds.

68. In absconding with this cryptocurrency, Plaintiff has suffered a monetary loss in his stake of this valuable cryptocurrency.

COUNT V: UNJUST ENRICHMENT

69. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

70. After excluding Plaintiff from the Iterative Enterprises, Defendant continued to operate the mining computers and accrue valuable cryptocurrency yet diverted those assets to his own purposes.

71. Upon information and belief, Defendant has himself personally taken possession of this valuable cryptocurrency to the exclusion of the Iterative Enterprises, the rightful owner of such cryptocurrency.

72. Defendant intended to abscond with the cryptocurrency, indeed actively hiding that he had directed the computers to continue to mine while falsely representing to interested parties that they had been idled.

73. Plaintiff is entitled to a portion of the cryptocurrency generated by the computers owned by the Iterative Enterprises as both an investor in various funds of the Iterative Enterprises, and as a manager of such funds.

74. Because these coins have been essentially stolen from their rightful owners, it would be against equity and good conscience to permit Defendant to retain the value of those cryptocurrencies sought to be recovered.

COUNT VI: INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

75. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

76. Plaintiff and Defendant are both parties to the Operating Agreement of Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC and are both members of that LLC. That agreement is attached as Exhibit A to this Complaint.

77. Section 7(a) states that “[t]he Members shall have the sole right to manage the business of the Company and shall have all power and rights necessary, appropriate or advisable to effectuate and carry out the purposes and business of the Company.”

78. Section 7(d) of the Operating Agreement further states that “[t]he Members shall serve until they resign, die, become incapacitated or are removed. The affirmative vote or consent of all Members entitled to vote or consent shall be required to take or approve any proposed action, make any determination or provide any consent.”

79. The Operating Agreement of Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC is a valid and enforceable agreement.

80. Plaintiff performed his duties under the Operating Agreement of Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC.

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- denying Plaintiff access to the Google drive associated with the Iterative Entities;
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- failing to disclose to Plaintiff the status of loans held by the Iterative Entities;
- recruiting personnel employed by the Iterative Entities to work on businesses unrelated to the Iterative Entities, for Defendant's personal gain; and

- using resources of the Iterative Entities to mine cryptocurrency for Defendant's personal gain.

82. Plaintiff has been harmed by these breaches both through his inability to manage the Iterative Entities as well as to prevent ongoing harm to those companies and their investors, creating potentially limitless legal liability, posing an irreparable harm.

83. Plaintiff therefore seeks an injunction requiring Defendant to adhere to the terms of the Parties' agreement, and enjoining the behaviors set forth above, including, but not limited to, providing Plaintiff full access to his email account for the Iterative Entities, the Iterative Entities' online document database, all financial accounts and records, information as to business assets, cryptocurrency wallets and accounts for the Iterative Entities, and all cryptocurrency trading accounts for the Iterative Entities. Plaintiff further requests that the Court enjoin either party from acting or communicating on behalf of the Iterative Entities unless both parties have agreed upon an action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully demands judgment in his favor and against Defendant Christopher M. Dannen (i) in an amount to be determined at trial, but in any event, no less than \$75,000 plus his costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorneys' fees; (ii) statutory interest; (iii) equitable and injunctive relief; (iv) punitive and statutory damages; and (v) such other relief in Plaintiff's favor as this Court deems just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands trial by jury in this action of all issues so triable.

Dated: Somerville, New Jersey
March 17, 2021

/s/ Christopher M. Malikschnitt

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EXHIBIT A

OPERATING AGREEMENT
OF
ITERATIVE INSTINCT UGP, LLC

THE UNDERSIGNED are executing this Operating Agreement (as amended from time to time hereafter pursuant to its terms, this “Agreement”) as of this 31st day of May, 2016, for the purpose of forming a limited liability company (the “Company”) pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, 6 Del. C. § 18-101 et seq. (the “Delaware Act”), and do hereby agree as follows:

1. Name; Formation. The name of the Company shall be Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC, or such other name as the Members may from time to time hereafter designate. The Company was formed upon the execution and filing of a certificate of formation of the Company with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware setting forth the information required by Section 18-201 of the Delaware Act.

2. Definitions: In addition to terms otherwise defined herein, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

“Commitment” means, with respect to each Member, the amount as reflected on Schedule 1 hereto, as such Schedule 1 may be modified from time to time to reflect increases or decreases in a Member’s Commitment.

“Event of Withdrawal” means the death, retirement, resignation, expulsion, bankruptcy or dissolution of a Member or the occurrence of any other event that terminates the continued membership of a Member in the Company or any other event causing dissolution of the Company under Section 18-801 of the Delaware Act.

“Members” means Brandon Buchanan, Chris Dannen and all other Persons admitted as additional or substituted members pursuant to this Agreement, for so long as they remain Members. Reference to a “Member” means any one of the Members.

“Person” means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a limited liability company, an associate, a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture or unincorporated organization or a governmental entity or any dependent agency or political subdivision thereof.

3. Purpose. The purpose of the Company shall be to serve as the general partner of Iterative Instinct GP I, L.P. and to engage in any lawful business that may be engaged in by a limited liability company organized under the Delaware Act, as such business activities may be determined by the Members from time to time.

4. Offices.

(a) The principal office of the Company, and such additional offices as the Members may determine to establish, shall be located at such place or places inside or outside the State of Delaware as the Members may designate from time to time.

(b) The registered office of the Company in the State of Delaware is located at 1209 Orange Street in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, 19801. The registered agent of the Company for service of process at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

5. Members. The name and business or residence address of each Member of the Company are as set forth on Schedule I attached hereto, as the same may be amended from time to time.

6. Term. The Company shall continue until dissolved and terminated in accordance with Section 14 of this Agreement.

7. Management of the Company.

(a) The Members shall have the sole right to manage the business of the Company and shall have all powers and rights necessary, appropriate or advisable to effectuate and carry out the purposes and business of the Company.

(b) The Members may appoint such officers, who may but need not be Members, to such terms and to perform such functions as the Members shall determine in their sole discretion. The Members may appoint, employ or otherwise contract with such other Persons for the transaction of the business of the Company or the performance of services for or on behalf of the Company as the Members shall determine in their sole discretion. The Members may delegate to any such officer or other Person such authority to act on behalf of the Company as the Members may from time to time deem appropriate in their sole discretion.

(c) When the taking of such action has been authorized by the Members, any officer of the Company or any other Person specifically authorized by the Members, may execute any contract or other agreement or document on behalf of the Company and may execute and file on behalf of the Company with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware any certificates of amendment to the Company's certificate of formation, one or more restated certificates of formation and certificates of merger or consolidation and, upon the dissolution and completion of winding up of the Company, at any time when there are fewer than two Members, or as otherwise provided in the Delaware Act, a certificate of cancellation canceling the Company's certificate of formation.

(d) The Members shall serve until they resign, die, become incapacitated or are removed. The affirmative vote or consent of all Members entitled to vote or consent shall be required to take or approve any proposed action, make any determination or provide any consent.

(e) Meetings of the Members for the transaction of such business as may properly come before such Members shall be held at such place, on such date and at such time as

the Members shall determine. Notice shall be given at least 12 hours prior to any meeting of the Members. Notice may be waived before or after a meeting or by attendance without protest at such meeting. Notice may be by e-mail, hand, telephone, telecopy, overnight courier or the U.S. mail and shall be deemed given when received. Members may participate in a meeting by means of telephone and such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting, other than for any requirement as to physical presence in a particular jurisdiction.

(f) Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Members at a meeting may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice, and without a vote, provided that written consents, setting forth all proposed actions to be taken at such meeting, are signed by all Members. Every written consent shall bear the date and signature of each Member who signs such consent.

(g) The Members may adopt such other procedures governing meetings and the conduct of business as they shall deem appropriate.

8. Capital Contributions. Each Member shall make capital contributions to the capital of the Company in an amount up to such person's Commitment. Capital contributions shall be made pro rata among all Members on the basis of their respective Commitments by contributing installments in cash when and as determined by the Members. Persons hereafter admitted as Members of the Company shall have a Commitment and make such contributions of cash, property or services in an amount as shall be determined by the Members at the time of each such admission.

9. Assignments of Company Interest. No Member may sell, assign, pledge or otherwise transfer or encumber any of its interest in the Company or any beneficial interest therein (a "Transfer") to any other Person without the prior written consent of the Members. Any purported Transfer in violation of this Section 9 shall be null and void and shall not be recognized by the Company.

10. Withdrawal. No Member shall have the right to withdraw from the Company except with the consent of the Members and upon such terms and conditions as may be specifically agreed upon between the Members and the withdrawing Member. The provisions of Section 12 with respect to distributions upon withdrawal are exclusive, and no Member shall be entitled to claim any further or different distribution upon withdrawal under Section 18-604 of the Delaware Act or otherwise.

11. Additional Members. The Members shall have the sole right to admit additional Members upon such terms and conditions, at such time or times, and for such capital contributions as the Members shall in their sole discretion determine. In connection with any such admission, the Members shall amend Schedule I hereof to reflect the name, address and capital contribution of the additional Member.

12. Distribution and Allocations.

(a) Distributions. Distributions of cash or other assets of the Company shall be made at such times and in such amounts as the Members may determine. Unless the Members determine otherwise, distributions shall be made to (and profits and losses shall be allocated

among) the Members pro rata based on the Members' respective Commitments. Members who withdraw from the Company shall be entitled to such a pro rata distribution relating to any capital previously contributed and not withdrawn from the Company and the rights to such distributions from the Company shall inure to the benefit of the withdrawing Members' legal representative and assigns.

(b) Allocations of Profits or Losses. Except as may be required by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, each item of income, gain, profit, loss, deduction or credit to the Company shall be allocated among its Members in accordance with each Member's interest in the Company as determined for purposes of Section 12(a).

13. Return of Capital. No Member shall have any liability for the return of any Member's capital contribution, which capital contribution shall be payable solely from the assets of the Company at the absolute discretion of the Members, subject to the requirements of the Delaware Act.

14. Dissolution. Subject to the provisions of Section 15 of this Agreement, the Company shall be dissolved and its affairs wound up and terminated upon the first to occur of the following:

- (a) The determination of all of the Members to dissolve the Company; or
- (b) The occurrence of an Event of Withdrawal.

[No Member of the Company shall by reason of such membership have any right to use for such Member's personal benefit the name Iterative Instinct or any derivative thereof by reason of such Member's membership in the Company, whether before or after the dissolution of the Company, it being understood and agreed that such name is the property of and owned by [_____]]¹.

15. Continuation of the Company. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 14(b) hereof, the occurrence of an Event of Withdrawal shall not dissolve the Company if within ninety (90) days after the occurrence of such Event of Withdrawal, the business of the Company is continued by the agreement of all remaining Members.

16. Limitation on Liability. The debts, obligations and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, shall be solely the debts, obligations and liabilities of the Company, and no Member of the Company shall be obligated personally for any such debt, obligation or liability of the Company solely by reason of being a Member. The failure of the Company to observe any formalities or requirements relating to the exercise of its powers or management of its business or affairs under this Agreement or the Delaware Act shall not be grounds for imposing personal liability on any Member for liabilities of the Company.

¹ **i2:** Confirm.

17. Indemnification of Officers, Employees and Agents.

(a) Each Person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter a “proceeding”) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Member or an officer of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a manager, director, officer, employee or agent of another limited liability company or of a corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including a service with respect to an employee benefit plan (hereinafter an “indemnatee”), whether the basis of such a proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as an officer, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving as a manager, officer, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company to the fullest extent authorized by the Delaware Act (including indemnification for negligence, gross negligence and breach of fiduciary duty to the extent so authorized), as the Delaware Act exists or may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Company to provide broader indemnification rights than such law permitted the Company to provide prior to such amendment), against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys’ fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, or penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such indemnatee in connection therewith.

(b) The right to indemnification conferred in Section 17(a) shall include the right to be advanced and be paid by the Company the expenses (including attorneys’ fees) incurred in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition. The rights of indemnification in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section 17 shall be contract rights and such rights shall continue as to an indemnatee who has ceased to be an officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the indemnatee’s heirs, executors and administrators.

(c) The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in this Section 17 shall not be exclusive of any other right that any Person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, agreement, vote of the Members or otherwise.

(d) The Company may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any officer, employee or agent of the Company or another limited liability company, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify such Person against such expense, liability or loss under the Delaware Act.

(e) The Company may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Members, grant rights to indemnification and to advancement of expenses to any employee or agent of the Company to the fullest extent of the provisions of this Section 17 with respect to the indemnification and advancement of expenses of officers of the Company.

18. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended only upon the written consent of the Members, provided that no such amendment shall increase any Member’s obligation to make contributions to the capital of the Company without the consent of each Member adversely affected thereby.

19. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the conflict of law rules thereof, and, to the maximum extent possible, in such manner as to comply with all the terms and conditions of the Delaware Act. If it is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that any provision of this Agreement is invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only in such jurisdiction and only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of this Agreement.

20. Singular; Plural; Gender. Wherever from the context it appears appropriate, each term stated in either the singular or the plural shall include the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in either the masculine, the feminine or the neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter.

21. No Third Party Beneficiaries. No Person (including creditors of the Company) that is not a party hereto shall have any rights or obligations pursuant to this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement are intended to benefit the Members of the Company and, to the maximum extent not prohibited by applicable law, shall not be construed as conferring any benefit upon any creditor of the Company. In no event shall any provision of this Agreement be enforceable for the benefit of any Person other than the Members of the Company and their respective successors and assigns.

22. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, any one of which need not contain the signatures of more than one party, but all of such counterparts together shall constitute one agreement, and to the extent such agreement or instrument is signed and delivered by means of a facsimile machine or other electronic transmission, it will be treated in all manner and respects as an original agreement or instrument and will be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have duly executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

MEMBERS:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Buchanan', written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Buchanan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Dannen', written over a horizontal line.

Chris Dannen

SCHEDULE I

Name and <u>Address</u>	<u>Commitment</u>
Brandon Buchanan c/o Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC 15 Broad Street, #1601 New York, NY 10005	\$25,000.00
Chris Dannen c/o Iterative Instinct UGP, LLC 15 Broad Street, #1601 New York, NY 10005	\$25,000.00
TOTAL	\$50,000.00